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Missouri Area Labor Trends

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A Monthly Review of Missouri Labor Market Information

Missouri Labor Market Review

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Missouri employment increased somewhat in July, while unemployment was not much different from the June level.

Total employment increased by about 26,500 to 2,535,300 in July, a somewhat larger than expected gain. Nonfarm payroll employment decreased seasonally in the month, primarily because of continuing declines in state and local government employment sttributable to the closing of schools and colleges for the summer.

The state's unemployment rate edged down a tenth of a point to 5.2 percent, about the expected seasonal decline for July. The number of jobless Missourians decreased by 2800 to 137,800. By July, many summer jobseekers have either found work or quit looking, and entrant unemployment seems to have decreased somewhat. At the same time, however, insured unemployment increased. Part of this increase can be traced to model changeover layoffs in the sutemobile industry, but increases in UI claims were farily widespread. Among the manufacturing industries were food, apparel, and shoe manufacturing. Vacation layoffs are fairly common in some of these industries in the summer. The main industry experiencing decreased UI claims in July was the construction industry.

Compared to a year ago, total employment is up by 54,700. The year-to-year defference has been increasing for the past several months. Unemployment has fallen by nearly 9,500 over the past 12 months, while the rate has decreased by 0.4 percentage points.

Nonagricultural payroll employment fell seasonally in July, decreasing by 15,900 jobs to 2,262,500. State and local government employment dropped by 17,700 jobs, primarily because of the summer reduction of public school and college staffs. Manufacturing employment was down by 4000 jobs, including 1000 in motor vehicles and equipment resulting from model changeover layoffs. Smaller declines were widespread, including 500 in footwear and 400 in textile and apparel manufacturing. Vacation layoffs are not uncommon in these industries in the summer. Seasonal gains occurred in services (1500) and retail trade (1300). Construction employment was up by 2900 jobs.

Over the past year, payroll employment has grown by 32,200. The manufacturing industries contributed 3700 of these jobs, including 2200 in transportation equipment. The largest over-the-year decline was 1500 jobs in leather and

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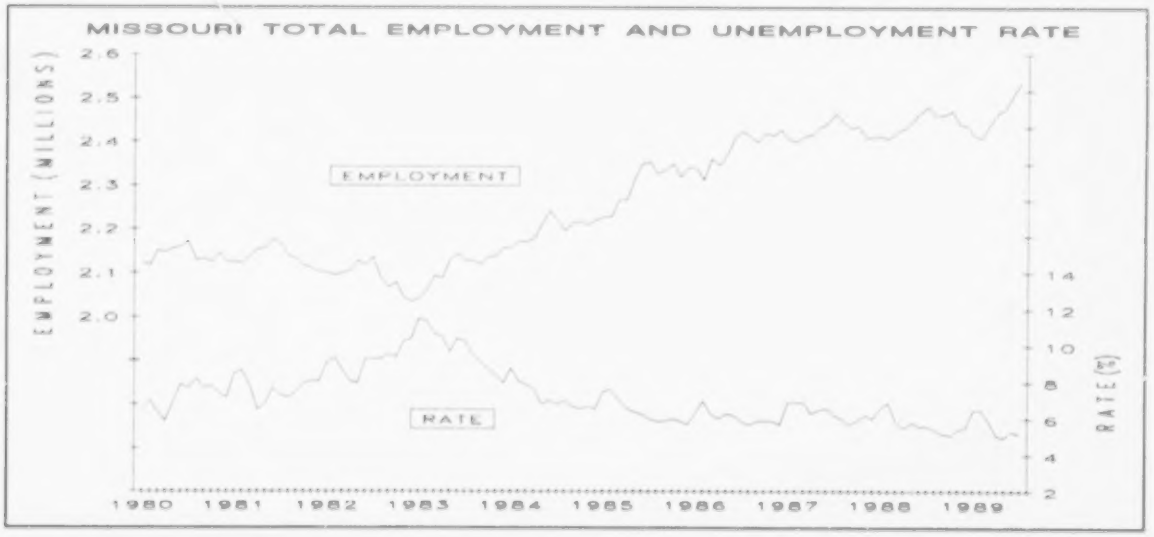

Table 1

MISSOURI DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - ESTIMATES

COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA	CURRENT MONTH - JUL 1989 (PRELIMINARY)				PREVIOUS MONTH - JUN 1989 (REVISED)				ONE YEAR AGO - JUL 1988 (BENCHMARK 1989)			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
U.S. (IN 000'S)	126238	119502	6736	5.3	125569	118719	6850	5.5	123889	117066	6823	5.5
STATEWIDE	2673082	2535268	137814	5.2	2649355	2508798	140557	5.3	2627935	2480641	147294	5.6
ST. LOUIS MSA	1293285	1226853	66432	5.1	1275973	1205893	70080	5.5	1277200	1204338	72862	5.7
KANSAS CITY MSA	866112	828159	37953	4.4	864681	817195	47486	5.5	865120	815939	49181	5.7
SPRINGFIELD MSA	127368	122013	5355	4.2	124406	118972	5434	4.4	123964	119226	4738	3.8
COLUMBIA MSA	68174	66746	1428	2.1	67549	65764	1785	2.6	65084	63544	1540	2.4
JOPLIN MSA	73608	69398	4210	5.7	73354	69329	4025	5.5	70553	66233	4320	6.1
ST. JOSEPH MSA	42499	40360	2139	5.0	42563	40466	2097	4.9	41903	39647	2256	5.4
ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA	12829	12303	526	4.1	13189	12732	457	3.5	12539	11901	638	5.1
ANDREW	6536	6200	336	5.1	6598	6226	372	5.6	6618	6262	356	5.4
ATCHISON	3473	3334	139	4.0	3369	3237	132	3.9	3387	3271	116	3.4
AUDRAIN	11169	10653	516	4.6	11093	10547	546	4.9	10712	10253	459	4.3
BARRY	13134	12516	618	4.7	13160	12598	562	4.3	12493	11918	575	4.6
BARTON	5887	5679	208	3.5	5942	5721	221	3.7	5730	5492	238	4.2
BATES	6658	6125	533	8.0	6655	6064	591	8.9	6694	6101	593	8.9
BENTON	6041	5653	388	6.4	5941	5531	410	6.9	5671	5355	316	5.6
BOLLINGER	4101	3596	505	12.3	3948	3649	299	7.6	3731	3274	457	12.2
BUTLER	16139	14823	1316	8.2	16710	15299	1411	8.4	15961	14788	1173	7.3
CALDWELL	3294	3016	278	8.4	3200	2988	212	6.6	3204	2935	269	8.4
CALLAWAY	17267	16385	882	5.1	17141	16324	817	4.8	16270	15326	944	5.8
CAMDEN	15273	14733	540	3.5	14669	14163	506	3.4	16614	15991	623	3.7
CAPE GIRARDEAU	34473	32896	1577	4.6	34698	33336	1362	3.9	34619	32954	1665	4.8
CARROLL	3900	3562	338	8.7	3866	3554	312	8.1	4159	3735	424	10.2
CARTER	2098	1899	199	9.5	2165	1972	193	8.9	2074	1873	201	9.7
CEDAR	4884	4537	347	7.1	4884	4503	381	7.8	4800	4505	295	6.1
CHARITON	4195	3978	217	5.2	4156	3949	207	5.0	4164	3908	256	6.1
CLARK	3711	3479	232	6.3	3752	3533	219	5.8	3556	3376	180	5.1
CLINTON	6783	6376	407	6.0	6963	6478	485	7.0	6830	6300	530	7.8
COLE/OSAGE LMA	41886	39985	1901	4.5	41457	39631	1826	4.4	40014	38403	1611	4.0
COOPER	6909	6571	338	4.9	6965	6695	270	3.9	6800	6420	380	5.6
CRAWFORD	10123	9558	565	5.6	10156	9524	632	6.2	9918	9217	701	7.1
DADE	2903	2750	153	5.3	2963	2821	142	4.8	2943	2724	219	7.4
DALLAS	3995	3594	401	10.0	4024	3583	441	11.0	3923	3553	370	9.4
DAVIESS	3454	3277	177	5.1	3434	3259	175	5.1	3573	3368	205	5.7
DEKALB	4147	3926	221	5.3	3978	3762	216	5.4	3717	3508	209	5.6
DENT	6442	6082	360	5.6	6625	6241	384	5.8	6506	6144	362	5.6
DOUGLAS	4721	4441	280	5.9	4767	4468	299	6.3	4906	4560	346	7.1
DUNKLIN	13697	12621	1076	7.9	13538	12571	967	7.1	12926	11948	978	7.6
GASCONADE	7732	7209	523	6.8	7903	7276	627	7.9	7547	7011	536	7.1
GENTRY	2950	2847	103	3.5	3030	2916	114	3.8	2811	2711	100	3.6
GRUNDY	5112	4807	305	6.0	5189	4919	270	5.2	4996	4780	216	4.3
HARRISON	4806	4664	142	3.0	4707	4594	113	2.4	4698	4511	187	4.0
HENRY	9878	9093	785	7.9	9711	8891	820	8.4	8948	8383	565	6.3
HICKORY	2998	2787	211	7.0	3049	2827	222	7.3	2788	2596	192	6.9
HOLT	2592	2481	111	4.3	2645	2529	116	4.4	2456	2332	124	5.0
HOWARD	4370	4168	202	4.6	4336	4156	180	4.2	4487	4237	250	5.6
HOWELL	14630	13582	1048	7.2	14593	13664	929	6.4	13694	12760	934	6.8
IRON	2861	2492	369	12.9	2903	2594	309	10.6	2736	2356	380	13.9
JOHNSON	19567	18599	968	4.9	20027	19225	802	4.0	18137	17488	649	3.6
KNOX	1997	1914	83	4.2	1969	1892	77	3.9	2057	1957	100	4.9
LACLEDE	15264	13750	1514	9.9	15006	13779	1227	8.2	13836	12994	842	6.1
LAWRENCE	15075	14329	746	4.9	14953	14239	714	4.8	13927	13225	702	5.0
LEWIS	5490	5172	318	5.8	5425	5182	243	4.5	4987	4736	251	5.0

Springfield Labor Market Review

(Greene and Christian Counties)

July, 1989

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Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

The Springfield MSA labor force expanded by 3,000 from June to reach 127,400 in July. The rate of unemployment dropped two tenths of a percentage point during the month to 4.2 percent in July. Workers not eligible for vacation pay and temporarily laid off during vacation were too few in number to off set strength in area tourism.

During July of 1988, the rate of unemployment was calculated at 3.8 percent of the labor force and there were 4,700 workers unemployed.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Payrolled employment fell 100 from June to 112,600 in July. During July, the manufacturing sector was characterized by stability and the number of estimated jobs remained at the June level of 21,200. Nonmanufacturing employment, estimated at 91,400 for July, was down 100 from June. Nonmanufacturing industries recording significant changes in employment levels since June include: construction, up 100; trade, up 100 and government, down 600. The drop in government occurred in the state and local portion and represents staff reductions at educational institutions during summer vacation.

Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers rose from $8.71 in June to $8.74 in July. The average factory work week was up one tenths of an hour to 40.8 in July.

Employment and Unemployment Outlook

Payrolled employment is expected to show a slight increase during August. Manufacturing jobs should remain fairly stable during the 30 day period while some increases are expected in the nonmanufacturing sector.

The number of unemployed workers will more than likely show a slight decrease in August. It would appear the rate of unemployment will fall about two-tenths of a percentage point to approximately 4.0 percent.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

(Place of Work)

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri — Month and Year of Current: July, 1989

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonag. Wage & Salary Employment (Exc. Domestics)	112,600	112,700	110,900	-100	+1,700
Manufacturing	21,200	21,200	21,700	0	-500
Durable Goods	11,300	11,300	11,700	0	-400
Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.)	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0
Other Durable Goods	10,000	10,000	10,400	0	-400
Nondurable Goods	9,900	9,900	10,000	0	-100
Food Processing	4,300	4,300	4,200	0	+100
Printing & Publishing	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3,600	3,600	3,800	0	-200
Nonmanufacturing	91,400	91,500	89,200	-100	+2,200
Mining	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	4,800	4,700	4,900	+100	-100
Transportation & Utilities	7,300	7,200	7,000	+100	+300
Trade	32,300	32,200	31,800	+100	+500
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	5,300	5,300	5,100	0	+200
Services	28,700	28,500	27,760	+200	+1,000
Government	12,900	13,500	12,600	-600	+300
Federal	2,100	2,100	1,900	0	+200
State and Local	10,800	11,400	10,700	-600	+100
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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Table 2. Gross Average Hours and Earnings for Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing Industries

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri **Month and Year of Current Data: July, 1989**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$356.59	$354.50	$348.43	40.8	40.7	40.8	$8.74	$8.71	$8.54
Durable Goods	335.51	331.41	334.94	39.8	39.5	40.5	8.43	8.39	8.27
Nondurable Goods	387.05	384.86	367.92	42.3	42.2	41.2	9.15	9.12	8.93
Food & Kindred Products	354.92	353.02	356.29	39.7	39.4	39.5	8.94	8.96	9.02
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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